

RESOLUTION ON WESTERN SAHARA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Nineteenth Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 6 to 12 June, 1983,

Having examined the Report of the Implementation Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara,

Recalling the solemn commitment made by His Majesty King Hassan II during the 18th Summit to accept the holding of a referendum in the Western Sahara to enable the people of that territory to exercise their right to self-determination,

Recalling with appreciation, His Majesty King Hassan's acceptance of the Recommendation of the Sixth Session of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara contained in document AHG/103 (XVIII) B Annex I as well as his pledge to co-operate with the Ad-Hoc Committee in the search for a just, peaceful and lasting solution.

Reaffirming its previous Resolutions and Decisions on the Question of Western Sahara, and in particular AHG/Res. 103 (XVIII) of 27 June, 1981:

1. TAKES NOTE of the Reports of the Implementation Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara;
2. URGES the parties to the conflict, the Kingdom of Morocco and the POLISARIO Front, to undertake direct negotiations with a view to bringing about a ceasefire to create the necessary condition for a peaceful and fair referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, a referendum without any administrative or military constraints, under the auspices of the OAU and the UN and CALLS on the Implementation Committee to ensure the observance of the ceasefire,
3. DIRECTS the Implementation Committee to meet as soon as possible, and in collaboration with the parties to the conflict should continue to work out the

modalities and all other details relevant to the implementation of the ceasefire and the conduct of the referendum in December 1983;

- 4. REQUESTS the United Nations in conjunction with the OAU to provide a Peace-Keeping Force to be stationed in Western Sahara to ensure peace and security during the organization and conduct of the Referendum;**
- 5. MANDATES the Implementation Committee with the participation of the United Nations to take all necessary measures to ensure the proper implementation of this resolution;**
- 6. REQUESTS the Implementation Committee to report to the 20th Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the result of the referendum with a view to enabling the 20th Summit to reach a final decision on all aspects of the question of the Western Sahara;**
- 7. DECIDES to remain seized with the question of Western Sahara;**
- 8. REQUESTS the Implementation Committee in the discharge of its mandate to take account of the proceedings of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Ordinary Sessions on the Question of Western Sahara and to this end INVITES the OAU Secretary-General to make available the full records of the said proceedings to the Committee;**
- 9. WELCOMES the constructive attitude of the Sahrawi leaders in making it possible for the 19th Summit to meet by withdrawing from it voluntarily and**